

STATE OF TASMANIA.
MONTHLY STATISTICS - JULY-AUGUST, 1940.

MOTOR REGISTRATIONS (Exclusive of Commonwealth-Owned Motor Vehicles) - August, 1940.

	Lorries, &c.	Utilities.	Motor Cycles.	Cars & Other Vehicles.
No. on Register at 1.8.40.	3,248	2,022	3,377	17,620
Lapsed Registrations	226	177	249	1,279
	3,022	1,845	3,128	16,341
Registrations - August, 1940.				
New Vehicles	19	9	8	32
Used Vehicles	201	141	204	1,209
No. on Register end August, 1940:	3,242	1,995	3,340	17,582
" " " " " 1939:	5,021	(a)	3,626	17,681

(a) Included with Lorries.

COMMONWEALTH SALES TAX.

	Net Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods.	Net Taxable Sales.	Sales Tax Collected
	£	£	£
1939			
August	644,889	207,566	11,480
1940.			
May	900,967	281,902	21,166
June	751,668	181,069	16,689
July	980,621	252,896	22,107
August	756,950	185,750	20,045

RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS.

Cost of Food and Groceries.
(6 Capitals in 1923-1927 as Base = 1000)

	1939 August.	1940 June.	1940 July.	1940 August.
Hobart	914	938	936	956
Launceston	905	933	933	938
Burnie	942	953	966	974
Devonport	930	953	960	977
Queenstown	1018	1026	1018	1038
Weighted Average, Tasmania:	917	941	940	955
Rosebery	1028	1070	1065	1102

HOBART BUILDING PERMITS.

Month	New Buildings for Habitation.		New Buildings for Other Purposes.		Alterations & Additions.		Totals.	
	Permits	Contract Price.	Permits	Contract Price.	Permits	Contract Price.	Permits	Contract Price.
1940.		£		£		£		£
Sept.	23	23,835	4	11,350(a)	14	1,659	41	36,844
1939.								
Sept.	21	19,180	5	9,369	18	1,143	44	29,692

(a) Contract £1,800 (Addition to State School).

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